

radially expandable tape-reinforced tubular vascular graft suitable for introduction and reexpansion of the base graft in the vasculature, each of the base graft and tape in the vascular graft prior to re-expansion of the base graft having a porosity less than its expanded porosity.



- 5. The vascular graft of claim 4, wherein the combined tubular PTFE base graft in its expanded diameter and the reinforcing tape are radially reduced in size by positioning the combination around a first cylindrical mandrel having an outside diameter smaller than an inside diameter of the base graft and heating to a sintering temperature.
- 6. The vascular graft of claim 4, wherein the combined tubular PTFE base graft in its expanded diameter and the reinforcing tape are radially reduced in increments by positioning the combination around a series of progressively smaller cylindrical mandrels having outside diameters always smaller than an inside diameter of the base graft and heating to a sintering temperature.